JOE FOSS
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately citizens of this state were saved from dying of cancer in 1954; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society reports that twice this number could be saved with present knowledge in cases where diagnosis is early and treatment is prompt; and

WHEREAS, new knowledge is improving detection and treatment techniques; the death rate among men, with the exception of lung cancer, is leveling off, and the death rate among women is declining; and

WHEREAS, bringing cancer under control continues to be a vital problem demanding vigorous action on the part of medicine and science, as well as the government and the people; and

WHEREAS, lives are being saved daily through the program of research, education and service conducted by the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed April as a special month for a special effort to conquer cancer:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1955, as

CANCER CONTROL MONTH

in South Dakota and furthermore, I urge every citizen not only to support the American Cancer Society but also to take advantage of this opportunity to learn as much as possible about this enemy within our midst--- cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 7th day of April, 1955.

..... JOE FOSS .....
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

..... Cecelia C. Gilbert .....
Secretary of State

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